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In the Application of )  
Keiji Nakahara et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1725  
Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ) Examiner: K. McHenry  
LIGHTWEIGHT HIGH-STRENGTH )  
MEMBER )  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: